

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device is provided including preparing a lead frame having a plurality of leads, wherein the lead widths of the lead tips are smaller than the lead thickness of the tips. A plate is also prepared having a first portion and second portion on a main surface thereof, the second portion being located at the outer periphery of said first portion. A semiconductor chip having a semiconductor element and a plurality of electrodes is fastened to the first portion of the plate and the lead tips are fastened on the second portion of the plate. Bonding wires are then formed to electrically connect the lead tips and the electrodes of the semiconductor chip, and then the lead tips, the plate, the semiconductor chip and the bonding wires are sealed with a molding member.